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New England 2014 Fruit Production Preliminary Summary

Apples

Connecticut apple production is estimated at 17.6 million pounds, 35 percent below the 2013 estimate. The average yield per acre is estimated at 9,780 pounds per acre, 3,720 pounds below the 2013 average yield of 13,500 pounds per acre. Bearing acreage is estimated at 1,800 acres, 200 acres above last year. The value of utilized production totaled 10 million dollars, down 47 percent from 2013.

Maine apple production is estimated at 26.1 million pounds, 3 percent below the 2013 estimate. The average yield is estimated at 9,670 pounds per acre, 360 pounds above the 2013 average yield of 9,310 pounds per acre. Bearing acreage is estimated at 2,700 acres, 200 acres below last year. The value of utilized production totaled 11 million dollars, down 18 percent from 2013.

Massachusetts apple production is estimated at 30.0 million pounds, 31 percent below the 2013 estimate. The average yield is estimated at 10,000 pounds per acre, 4,500 pounds below the 2013 average yield of 14,500 pounds per acre. Bearing acreage is estimated at 3,000 acres, unchanged from last year. The value of utilized production totaled 11 million dollars, down 48 percent from 2013.

New Hampshire apple production is estimated at 13.3 million pounds, 48 percent below the 2013 estimate. The average yield is estimated at 9,500 pounds per acre, 8,700 pounds below the 2013 average yield of 18,200 pounds per acre. Bearing acreage is estimated at 1,400 acres, unchanged from last year. The value of utilized production totaled 7 million dollars, down 34 percent from 2013.

Rhode Island apple production is estimated at 1.7 million pounds, 0.32 percent below the 2013 estimate. The average yield is estimated at 7,390 pounds per acre, 4,010 pounds below the 2013 average yield of 11,400 pounds per acre. Bearing acreage is estimated at 230 acres, 10 acres above last year. The value of utilized production totaled 708 thousand dollars, down 24 percent from 2013.

Vermont apple production is estimated at 29.4 million pounds, 14 percent below the 2013 estimate. The average yield is estimated at 17,300 pounds per acre, 4,000 pounds below the 2013 average yield of 21,300 pounds per acre. Bearing acreage is estimated at 1,700 acres, 100 acres above last year. The value of utilized production totaled 14 million dollars, down 2 percent from 2013.

Peaches

Connecticut peach production was 1,770 tons, up 31 percent from 2013. The yield per acre was 4.43 tons, up 1.05 tons from 2013. Bearing acreage is estimated at 400 acres, unchanged from the previous year. The value of utilized production totaled 4 million dollars, up 19 percent from 2013.

Massachusetts peach production is estimated at 1,255 tons, down 10 percent from 2013. The yield per acre was 3.59 tons, down 0.53 tons from 2013. Bearing acreage is estimated at 350 acres, 10 acres above the previous year. The value of utilized production totaled 2 million dollars, down 37 percent from 2013.

Cranberry

Massachusetts cranberry production is estimated at 2.4 million barrels, up 30 percent from 2013. The average yield is estimated at 188.9 barrels, up 50.4 barrels from 2013. Area harvested is estimated at 12,400 acres, down 800 acres from the previous year. The value of utilized production totaled 81 million dollars, up 40 percent from 2013.

Wild Blueberries

Maine wild berries production is estimated at 104.4 million pounds, up 20 percent from 2013. The average yield is estimated at 4,880 pounds. The area harvested is estimated at 21,400 acres for 2014. The value of production totaled 63 million dollars, down 4 percent from 2013.

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